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AIR FREIGHT DOWN 3.9 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 31, 1991 -- Air freight decreased 3.9 percent in September, compared with September a year ago, and was down 5.9 percent for the first nine months of 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in September was down 5.2 percent. Mail decreased 6.8 percent, and total cargo decreased 5.5 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight in September was down 2.7 percent, and mail decreased 10.7 percent. Total cargo was down 3.4 percent.

Domestic air freight in the first nine months decreased 4.2 percent, while mail registered a 7.1 percent decrease. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, decreased 4.8 percent.

International air freight during the first nine months of 1991 was down 7.6 percent. Mail decreased 1.4 percent, and total cargo was down 7.1 percent.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS

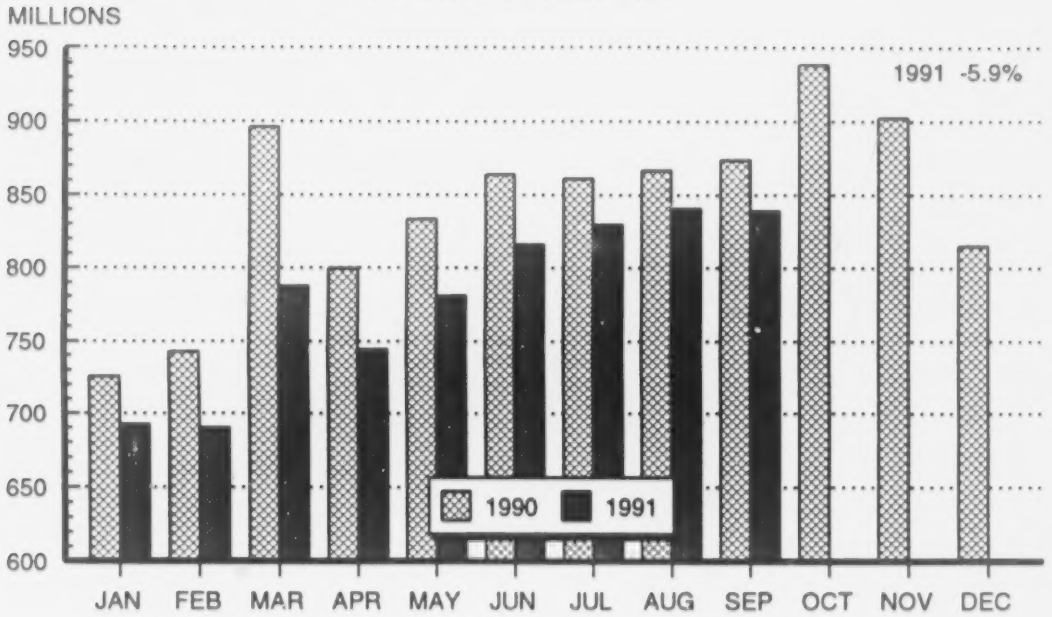
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)
REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS				
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	TOTAL FREIGHT	TOTAL CARGO
SEPTEMBER 1991	405,857	101,891	507,748	433,495	37,945	471,440	839,352	979,188
SEPTEMBER 1990	428,007	109,343	537,350	445,568	42,493	488,061	873,575	1,025,411
PERCENT CHANGE	(5.2)	(6.8)	(5.5)	(2.7)	(10.7)	(3.4)	(3.9)	(4.5)
9 MONTHS 1991	3,542,487	946,332	4,488,819	3,479,018	352,688	3,831,706	7,021,505	8,320,525
9 MONTHS 1990	3,697,552	1,018,631	4,716,183	3,764,775	357,669	4,122,444	7,462,327	8,838,627
PERCENT CHANGE	(4.2)	(7.1)	(4.8)	(7.6)	(1.4)	(7.1)	(5.9)	(5.9)

Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, America West, American, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Hawaiian, Midway, Northwest, Pan American, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

FREIGHT

REVENUE TON-MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



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